

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 2630

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “La Paz County Land
3 Conveyance Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means La
7 Paz County, Arizona.

8 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
9 means the approximately 8,800 acres of land man-
10 aged by the Bureau of Land Management and des-
11 ignated as “Federal land to be conveyed” on the
12 map.

13 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map
14 prepared by the Bureau of Land Management enti-
15 tled “Proposed La Paz County Land Conveyance”
16 and dated May 24, 2017.

17 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of the Interior.

19 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO LA PAZ COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
21 date on which the Secretary receives a request from the
22 County to convey all or a portion of the Federal land, sub-
23 ject to valid existing rights and to such terms and condi-
24 tions as the Secretary determines to be necessary and not-
25 withstanding the land use planning requirements of sec-
26 tions 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-

1 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Sec-
2 retary shall convey to the County all right, title, and inter-
3 est of the United States in and to the Federal land identi-
4 fied on the map.

5 (b) PHASED CONVEYANCE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convey
7 the public land described in subsection (a) in parcels
8 over a period of up to 20 years, as is required to
9 carry out the phased development of renewable en-
10 ergy or other economic development.

11 (2) PAYMENT OF FAIR MARKET VALUE.—A
12 parcel shall be conveyed by the Secretary on pay-
13 ment by La Paz County, Arizona, to the Secretary,
14 of the fair market value of the parcel, as determined
15 under paragraph (3).

16 (3) APPRAISAL TO DETERMINE FAIR MARKET
17 VALUE.—The Secretary shall determine the fair
18 market value of the Federal land to be conveyed—

19 (A) in accordance with the Federal Land
20 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
21 1701 et seq.); and

22 (B) based on an appraisal that is con-
23 ducted in accordance with—

24 (i) the Uniform Appraisal Standards
25 for Federal Land Acquisition; and

1 (ii) the Uniform Standards of Profes-
2 sional Appraisal Practice.

3 (c) PROTECTION OF TRIBAL CULTURAL ARTI-
4 FACTS.—To the greatest extent practicable, the County
5 and all subsequent owners of land conveyed under this Act
6 shall—

7 (1) make good faith efforts to avoid disturbing
8 Tribal artifacts;

9 (2) minimize impacts on Tribal artifacts if they
10 are disturbed;

11 (3) work with the Colorado River Indian Tribes
12 Tribal Historic Preservation Office to identify arti-
13 facts of cultural and historic significance; and

14 (4) allow Tribal representatives to rebury un-
15 earthed artifacts at or near where they were discov-
16 ered.

17 (d) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The map shall be on file and
19 available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
20 fices of the Bureau of Land Management.

21 (2) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and the
22 County may, by mutual agreement—

23 (A) make minor boundary adjustments to
24 the Federal land to be conveyed under sub-
25 section (a); and

1 (B) correct any minor errors in the map,
2 an acreage estimate, or the description of the
3 Federal land.

4 (e) WITHDRAWAL.—The Federal land is withdrawn
5 from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws
6 of the United States.

7 (f) COSTS.—As a condition of the conveyance of the
8 Federal land under subsection (a), the County shall pay—

9 (1) an amount equal to the appraised value de-
10 termined in accordance with subsection (b)(3); and

11 (2) all costs related to the conveyance, including
12 all surveys, appraisals, and other administrative
13 costs associated with the conveyance of the Federal
14 land to the County under subsection (a).

Passed the House of Representatives July 23, 2018.

Attest:

Clerk.

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